

Minutes- Public Safety Committee Report

Monday, July 17, 2023 5:00 p.m. 303C, Courthouse, Cambridge, IL

Members present: Jim Thompson, Bob Wachtel, Dale Stiles, and Pat Koga
Members absent: Jeanna Moore
Ex-Officio Members present: Kippy Breeden
Others present: Erin Knackstedt, Marshall Jones (arrived 5:10 p.m.), Kathy Nelson (arrived 5:13 p.m.), Mat Schnepple, and Captain Franklin

Chair Thompson called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 p.m.

There were no guests.

There was no public comment.

Member Stiles moved to approve the agenda, Member Koga seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Member Koga moved to approve the June 13, 2023 minutes as presented, Member Wachtel seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The June 2023 claims reports were reviewed. There was a brief discussion by committee members.

Under presentations,

Director Schnepple reviewed the Office of Emergency Management report packet. This included a recap of the Henry County Fair, Know County Fair, Mercer County Fair, roof repairs complete, building repairs, budget, and new truck update.

Sheriff Verscheure reviewed the Sheriff's Department report packet. This included the jail totals, Sheriff sales, Federal inmate fee increase, squad damage, patrol interviews, staffing, and Public Safety sales tax.

There was no report from the Public Defender.

Administrator Knackstedt gave the update for the States Attorney which included an assessment of the internship program and possible expansion, National Night Out in Henry County, and an update on caseloads.

Administrator Knackstedt gave the update for Animal Control which included a review of the most recent quarterly reports.

There was no old business.

Under new business,

Member Wachtel moved to approve the Radio Purchase for the Office of Emergency Management, Member Stiles seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. Director Schnepple provided background

on why the county is transitioning to Starcomm. The State is also eliminating the OEM channels from their current radios. The OEM upgrade will go in line with the county wide radio upgrade and increase interoperability of our communications. The total cost is \$56,818.74.

There were no public safety comments.

Member Stiles moved to adjourn, Member Wachtel seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Erin Knackstedt, County Administrator